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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The undertone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was mostly steady. Light sales reported for prompt shipment. Inquiry from buyers slow and cautious, and taking a wait and see attitude. Offerings ranged from closely balanced to adequate with most processors holding product with confidence. Bulk parts and meats trading was light to moderate with most interest noted from the export arena.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slowed only by availability of export product. Demand fairly good with most activity centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums, balance light. Mechanically separated turkey finding good demand on less than adequate offerings.



**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 07, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
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#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
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**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JUNE 08, 2001**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-68	63-68	66.33	120
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	65	65.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	59	59.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
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#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

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1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF **JUNE 08, 2001**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.82	65.29	70.00
CENTRAL REGION	65.00	63.88**	69.80
WESTERN REGION	66.00**	65.00**	70.00
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.50	61.00	66.20**
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	60.00**	65.50
WESTERN REGION	61.50**	61.00**	66.20

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT** U.S. GRADE A,  
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS  
PER POUND, WEEK OF 11-JUN-2001

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS	LBS TOMS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u> <u>PRICE</u> <u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.17	72 69.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.17	72 69.00 10
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**  
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

MAY	480,254*
JUNE 1-2, 2001	23,595*
To date 2001	2,127,478*
To date 2000	2,293,908*

\* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 02-Jun-2001  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	PW	WT	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	WT	
N EAST	701	-4	23.29	(A)	703 23.29
S ATL	711	-8	27.65	(A)	714 27.65
N CENT	1,967	-8	30.45	(A)	1,969 30.45
S CENT	553	23	21.56	(A)	555 21.56
WEST	427	-20	23.07	(A)	428 23.07
U.S.TOTAL	4,359(B)	-6	27.00	9	4,368 27.00
TO DATE					
2001	101,764(B)				286 102,050
TO DATE					
2000	100,244(B)				798 101,042

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 19,000; for the year 836,000; last year to date 339,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 02-Jun-2001

	YOUNG	TOMS	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS		BREEDERS		
<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>					
HEAD	1,982	2,358	19	9	4,368
AVG WT	16.69	35.67	23.99	35.17	27.04
LAST WEEK	1,999	2,586	42	6	4,633
SAME WK YR AGO	3,286(B)		11	16	3,313
AVG WT	33.70(B)		27.42	30.72	27.36
TO-DATE/2001	100,928(B)		836	286	102,050
TO-DATE/2000	99,905(B)		339	798	101,042

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 JUNE 2001.

The undertone continued firm on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) for both domestic and export shipments. Demand fair to good for the limited offerings. The trade sentiment on tom bulk parts ranged from steady to barely steady on full-cut wings to steady to fully steady on the balance of items with drums and tails the strongest. Bulk parts demand was slow on tom full-cut wings, fair to good mostly fair on the balance of parts. Offerings of tom full-cut wings were available with some sellers longer than others. The balance of tom bulk parts offerings ranged short to instances adequate. Domestic trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of MST, balance light. Export demand and trading continued active with trading centered on thigh meat and drums.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	105.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.50	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	28.00-31.00		28.65	23
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	27.67	240
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	28.00-31.00		28.60	15
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	37.18	49
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	50.00	15
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	9
NECKS, HEN		T	31.27	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	167.00		167.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.50-177.00		176.40	200
THIGH MEAT		T	70.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.50-69.00		68.17	72
BREAST TRIM MEAT	123.00		123.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	120.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	135.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00		148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	150.00		150.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	20.00-27.00		22.19	640

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-31.00		30.17	144
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	29.00		29.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	30.00		30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	23.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-71.50		70.70	600

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 8 JUNE 2001.

The undertone on tom breast meat was generally steady with some unsettledness noted. Some industry members indicated strength on tom breast meat and showing only limited offerings while others note instances of increased availability of fresh. Seller sentiment generally remained firm on destrapped tenderloins as active buyer interest continued to be noted for the limited offerings. The undertone was steady on wing meat, steady to fully steady on scapula, and increased confidence was starting to develop on breast trim. Demand was fair on wing meat, scapula and breast trim. Domestic trading consisted of light volumes. Fresh whole tenderloins traded at 134 cents delivered. Export demand was fair to good on drums, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Full-cut wing inquiry was slow to moderate for exports with instances of lower trending offering prices noted.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	10	154.00	10
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	40	95.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00-30.00		29.18	49	29.12	130
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	27.67	240		
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	80	30.12	137
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00-29.00		27.91	110	28.10	134
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	38.00		38.00	40	37.55	89
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00-28.00		27.62	52	28.00	132
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	49.00		49.00	40	49.27	55
NECKS, TOM		R	28.00	9	28.41	49
NECKS, HEN		T	31.27	11	31.27	11
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	163.00-165.00		163.86	280	164.26	380
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	174.00-175.50		175.00	160	176.31	840
THIGH MEAT		T	70.00	4	70.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00-68.00		67.67	75	68.04	167
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	80	118.33	120
SCAPULA MEAT	123.00		123.00	10	123.00	10
TENDERLOINS		F	135.00	10		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	144.00		144.00	40	144.00	280
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	150.00	24	145.48	84
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	65.00		65.00	40	65.64	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	23.00-28.00		26.39	230	23.59	1,050
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		29.79	304	29.92	528
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	29.00	40	28.82	292
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	30.00	40	30.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	20	22.80	100
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-72.00		70.75	240	69.95	2,200

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